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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT BUSH FROM FORMER PRIME
MINISTER THAKSIN SHINAWATRA

1. Post received the following letter from former Prime
Minister Thaksin Shinawatra on January 10, 2007. Post does
not intent to forward the signed original.

2. TEXT OF LETTER:

December 22, 2006

President George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, DC

Mr. President,

I am writing you in the spirit of friendship and solidarity.
As I look back on my tenure in government, I have many
wonderful memories of the warm and friendly cooperation you
extended to me when I had the honor to serve as the Prime
Minister of Thailand.

Accordingly, I want to express my deep gratitude for the
support you gave me during my tenure. I also want to
underscore my strong admiration for your contribution to the
international community and for your efforts to strengthen
relations between the United States of America and Thailand.
I feel your work made a significant contribution to the
security and future prosperity of both our countries.

Together we have made huge strides in growing the economies
of our nations, providing employment for our peoples,
safeguarding regional security, fostering openness, and
establishing the atmosphere in which the democratic process
in Asia will more readily mature.

Although my tenure as the prime minister has come to an end,
I personally continue to believe that democracy is the best
system of government, because it demands the leadership of
the country to be sensitive to the people aspiration.

Looking ahead, I hope you will continue the friendly and
cooperative ties to Thailand that you have extended to me
during my government service. I deeply believe that
sustaining and enhancing the cooperation between Thailand and
the United States of America continues to serve the greater
good of all of our peoples and the world at large.

With my best regards,

//Signed//

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